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FIS World Cup Nordic Combined in Ramsau (AUT), December, 16th 2007

Kircheisen wins, Ackermann 2nd, Edelmann 3rd

Björn Kircheisen from Germany gained his second victory within 24 hours. This time he could win in front of his two team mates Ronny Ackermann and Tino Edelmann. For Edelmann it was the first World Cup podium of his career.

Leading after the jumping, Bernhard Gruber (AUT) could not hold on to his lead and finished tenth in the end. Kircheisen was third after jumping, Ackermann second and Edelmann fifth. Magnus Moan gained the best cross country skiing time and could lift himself from the 25th place after jumping onto a fifth place in the end.

With his second victory of the weekend, Björn Kircheisen is now leading the overall World Cup with 434 points in front of Ronny Ackermann (371 points) and Christoph Bieler (AUT, 300 points).

The Sprint World Cup is also lead by Björn Kircheisen with now 236 points in front of Ronny Ackermann (175 points) and Christoph Bieler (160 points).

The Nation Cup ranking is still lead by Germany with now 1181 points in front of Austria (877 points) and Norway (500 points).

The next competition (IG) will be in Oberhof, Germany, on the 30th of December. It will be the first competition of the second period. The first period is now finalized in the World Cup A.

Number of participants/ participating nations: 41/12

Spectators: 500 (XC), 1.000 (SJ)

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Number of Media/TV on site and HBC: 50 media (print (22) and photo (28)), 3TV, HBC: ORF

Weather: cloudy, -11°C (SJ); -9 (XC)

Snow Conditions: hard

Special Remarks:

DNS (SJ): Dvorak (CZE)

DNS (XC): Koivuranta (FIN), Kokslie (NOR), Maslennikov (RUS)

DNF: Kaitainen (FIN)

Pictures:

Please note that high quality action and podium pictures from today's competitions are available for purchase through the Internet portal offered by Nordic Focus, FIS Partner for photos from the Nordic Disciplines, at www.nordicfocus.com.

Quotes:

Björn Kircheisen (GER): "I hoped to keep the yellow bib over Christmas so I am very happy that I could hold on to it. That I could win again today is even better. It was a wonderful weekend for me. I could once again show a good jump in the competition and had a good starting position for the race. I tried to save some energy for the end of the race. At the last uphill I attacked and used this saved energy. With this lead I could manage to get into the finish before all the others. I will now use the time to fully recover from my sickness and to train well for the next competitions. Of course I am looking really forward to the competitions in Germany and I hope that we will have many spectators again!"

Ronny Ackermann (GER): "I had a really good jump today, so I am happy that I seem to be able to get more and more jumps on the same high level in a competition. I had hoped to be on the podium so it is great that I could manage that. I am not so upset that I don't have the

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yellow bib anymore. The lead of the overall World Cup was not my goal this season therefore I am not depressed. My goal was and still is to be constantly under the top 10 and I am working and keep focusing on that. Now it is nice to have some time off to relax and train before the next competitions. I hope we will have a great crowd again in Oberhof!"

Tino Edlmann (GER): "I still don't know what to say. I had such a terrible competition yesterday that I didn't think about any goal today. Maybe that was the reason why it went to great for me today. I was already quite surprised after the jumping but I still didn't bother thinking about any goal. I just raced my race and tried to keep some power for the end. And suddenly I was third. It is unbelievable. Of course I have dreamed about it many times and it could have happened already some times before but it never did. So I am very happy now that I could finally manage to get to the podium! It's a wonderful Christmas present!"

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